

REMARKS

Claims 1-18, 21-28, 35-41, 43-50, 53, 55-57, 59-66, 68, and 70-73 and 77-86 were pending in the application. Claims 37-41, 43-50, 53, 55-57, 59, 60-64, and 73 have been amended. Favorable reconsideration and allowance of this application is respectfully requested in light of the following remarks.

I. Telephone Interview

Applicant appreciates the telephone interviews granted by Examiner Joyce during the pendency of this patent application. As Applicant and Examiner Joyce discussed on Feb. 14, 2005, the listing of claims reflect the fact that the Amendment filed February 2, 2005 has been entered, as has the amendment to previously pending claim 73 (and subsequent cancellation of claims 74-76).

II. Amendments to Claims

Claims 37-41, 43-50, 53, 55-57, 59, 60-64 have been amended for the purposes of compliance with MPEP 608.01 (n).

Specifically, claim 49 has been renumbered as claim 8. Claims 8-14 have been renumbered as claims 9-15. Claim 48 has been renumbered as claim 16. Claim 50 has been renumbered as claim 17. Claims 15-18 have been renumbered as claims 18-21. (Previously cancelled claims 19-20 have now been designated as cancelled claims 22-23.)

Claim 21 has been renumbered as claim 24. Claims 55-56 have been renumbered as claims 25-26. Claims 22-28 have been renumbered as claims 27-33. Claim 57 has been renumbered as claim 34. (Previously cancelled claims 29-34 have now been designated as cancelled claims 35-40.)

Claims 35-36 were renumbered as claims 41-42. Claim 59 has been renumbered as claim 43. Claim 37 has been renumbered as claim 44. Claim 60 has been renumbered as claim 45. Claim 38 has been renumbered as claim 46. Claims 61-62 have been renumbered as claims 47-48. Claims 39-40 have been renumbered as claims 49-50. Claim 63 has been renumbered as claim 51. Claim 41 has been renumbered as claim 52. (Previously cancelled claim 42 has now been designated as cancelled claim 53.)

Claims 64-66 have been renumbered as claims 54-56. Claims 43-47 have been renumbered as claims 57-61. (Previously cancelled claims 51-52 have now been designated

as cancelled claims 62-63.) Claim 53 has been renumbered as claim 64. (Previously cancelled claim 54 and 58 have now been designated as cancelled claims 65-66.)

Some of the amended claims were also amended for the purposes of proper dependency.

Claim 73 has been amended at line 13 to recite a spring "member".

Applicant notes that none of the amendments were made to overcome prior art, or for any reasons related to patentability of the claimed subject matter. Rather, the amendments were made for the purposes of clarification and form only.

III. Conclusion

Applicant therefore respectfully asserts that all rejections and objections cited by the Examiner have been overcome. Accordingly, the application is in condition for allowance, and a Notice of Allowance is earnestly solicited.

No fees are believed to be due for the filing of this communication. If any fees are deemed due for this or any other communication, Applicant hereby authorizes the Commissioner to charge said fees due for this or any other communication to deposit account No. 17-0055. The Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned at the telephone number appearing below if such would advance the prosecution of this application.

Respectfully submitted,

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